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Certification of the Enhanced Vehicle
Emissions Inspection and
Maintenance (I/M) Testing Program

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Enhanced Vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Testing Program in Lake and Porter Counties, Indiana

This submittal is intended to fulfill the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) requirement of Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 182(c)(3) for the 2008 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).

Pursuant to the 1977 Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA), United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) designated Lake and Porter counties as nonattainment for 1-hour ozone NAAQS and as a portion of the Chicago-Gary-Lake County, Illinois-Indiana (IL-IN) nonattainment area (40 Code of Federal Regulation 81.315). Lake and Porter counties were later classified as a Severe-17 nonattainment area pursuant to Section 182(c)(3) of the CAA. The CAA required areas failing to meet the NAAQS for ozone to develop state implementation plans (SIPs) to expeditiously attain and maintain the standard. Section 182(c)(3) of the CAA required nonattainment areas to adopt certain mandatory control measures as part of their SIPs. Mandated controls for Lake and Porter counties included an enhanced vehicle I/M testing program.

The I/M testing program was first initiated in Lake and Porter counties in 1984 and was augmented in 1997 to a fully enhanced I/M program. The program received final approval from U.S. EPA and became effective on May 20, 1996¹ as part of Indiana's 1-hour ozone SIP. The program is authorized by state statute Indiana Code (IC) 13-17-5², paid through the general funds, and implemented through rules promulgated by the Indiana Environmental Rules Board at 326 Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) 13.³

Although the 1-hour ozone standard was revoked on June 15, 2005, Indiana has not requested U.S. EPA to approve a revision to its SIP to discontinue the I/M program. The requirements for the I/M program in Lake and Porter counties remain in place in Indiana's ozone SIP. As such, the current I/M program satisfies Indiana's obligation under Section 182(c)(3) of the CAA for Lake and Porter counties classified as serious under the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS.

Indiana's I/M Testing Program demonstration, under the moderate classification Section 182(b)(4) of the CAA, was fully approved by U.S. EPA on February 13, 2019, effective March 15, 2019 (84 FR 3711).⁴

¹ <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-1996-03-19/pdf/96-6466.pdf>

² <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/laws/2020/ic/titles/013#13-17-5>

³ http://iac.iga.in.gov/iac/iac_title?iact=326

⁴ https://www.in.gov/idem/airquality/files/lakeporter_ozone_2008_progress_plan_approval.pdf

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